demand from a certain section of the society for making child free zones in restaurants, theatres, airflights, etc. It was also reported that such child free zones are in operation in other countries. However, no proposal has been received in the Ministry for creating child free zones.

(c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(d) No such proposal is under consideration of the Government.

World Bank recommendations on ICDS

2311. SHRIMATI BRINDA KARAT: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has recently made recommendations concerning the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS);

(b) if so, what are the major recommendations; and

(c) Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Madam.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Construction of working women's hostels

†2312. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN:
SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL:

Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated any action plan for establishment of working women's hostels;

(b) if so, the sailent features thereof;

(c) whether Government has also received some proposals in this regard and if so, the details thereof and the action proposed to be taken in this regard;

(d) whether Government proposes to construct additional working women's hostels during the current financial year;

(e) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(f) the amount allocated or proposed to be allocated for the purpose, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, the Government is in the process of revamping the existing scheme of assistance for construction of Working Women's Hostels. Some of the salient features of the revamped scheme are: I) 50% assistance towards purchase of land, II) 75% assistance for construction of building, III) one time grant of Rs. 7500/- for each inmate for infrastructural facilities.

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(c) Yes Sir, the proposals received by the Government are examined as per the existing norms of the scheme.

(d) and (e) Construction of Working Women's Hostel is a continuing process. In the current financial year grant has been released for construction of (8) Working Women's Hostels in the States of Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh (one each) Nagaland (2) Manipur (3).

(f) The total budget allocation under the scheme for the year 2008-09 is Rs. 20.00 crore. State-wise allocations are not maintained as each proposal is considered on merits.

Supplementary nutrition under ICDS

2313. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Eleventh Five Year Plan makes no clear recommendation about supplementary nutrition for children in the ICDS; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) and (b) Eleventh Five Year Plan document Vol. II in Chapter 4 on Nutrition and Social Safety Net makes recommendations on addressing Malnutrition through a revamped Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) Scheme. It specifically recommends for promotion of Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF) practices, focus on children below 3 years of age and provision of hygienically prepared and culturally acceptable food to children in the age groups of 3 to 6 years of age and fortification of food based on scientific evidence.

Services for children

2314. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether some organizations have demanded better services for their children especially below the age of six years in the context of the new Eleventh Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise especially in Andhra Pradesh for the SC and ST children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY): (a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

Sexual assault on women and girls

†2315. SHRI AJAY SINGH CHAUTALA: Will the Minister of WOMEN AND CHILD DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the incidents of rape of women and girls in large number in different parts of the country;

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